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DOT&PF Awards Contract for C Street Reconstruction Project ***Potter to Dimond Upgrade to Precede Extension to O'Malley***

Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Commissioner Joe Perkins announced today that the contract for the reconstruction of C Street between Potter Drive and Dimond Boulevard will be awarded to Wilder Construction. Wilder Construction was the low bidder at \$16.7 million. This project will expand C Street to four lanes.

This project also includes a separated pathway on the east side and a sidewalk on the west side. The trail will be elevated over the Campbell Creek Greenbelt and connected to the Campbell Creek Trail with the State's first trail interchange. The Department will be installing translucent noise barriers that allow sunlight through to homes, while reducing noise. Landscaping will also be included in this project. It is anticipated that this project will be completed by the fall of 2003.

This project is a precursor for the next phase of C Street construction - the extension of C Street from Dimond Boulevard to O'Malley Road. The C Street Extension is currently under design and is included in the GARVEE Bond proposal that will be voted on in November's general election. The C Street Extension will provide a four-lane facility with trails and an interchange at C Street and O'Malley. It will provide Anchorage with another efficient north-south connector to relieve congestion. The estimate for this project is \$36.1 million.

If voters approve the bond issue, construction will begin on the C Street Extension during the summer of 2004.

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